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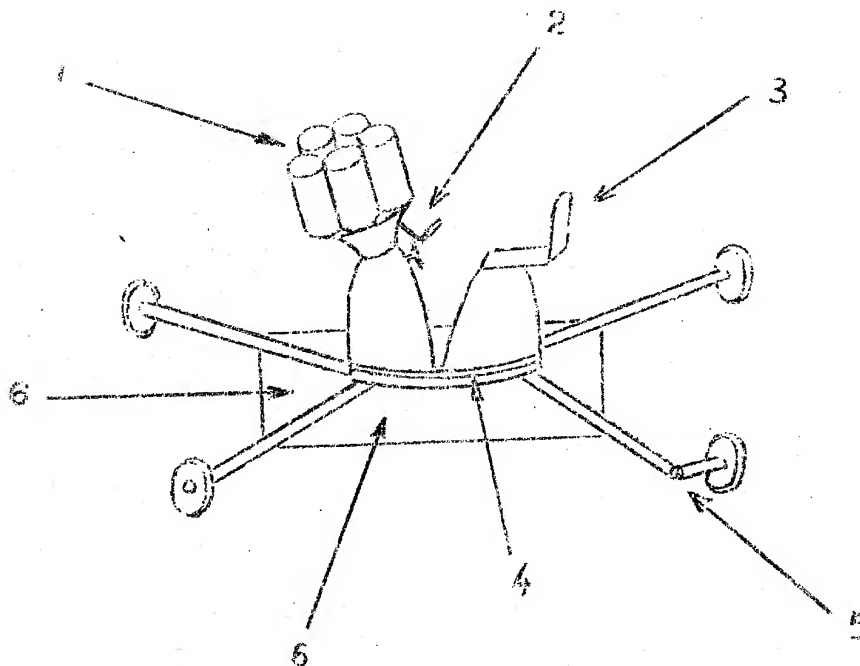
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3. From 23 to 31 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The barracks buildings were 80 percent lighted at nightfall. On 23 December, T-34 and T-34/85 tanks stood in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles in the billeting area.
- Comment. There are no changes discernible in the quartering of troops of the 18th Mecz Div in Perleberg since the last report. See . The high number of 76.2-mm field guns in the Artillerie Kaserne, which is about 10 times higher than can be carried with the 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div, cannot be accounted for. No information on the arrival of the guns by road or rail has been obtained, nor has there been information indicating the establishment of an ordnance depot in the barracks installation. Existence and purpose of the reported multi-barrel artillery piece are unknown. The type gun carriage is indicative of its use against air targets. However, this conclusion discredited by the length of the barrel and the fact that no ballistic director was observed. It cannot be stated whether the weapon was a rocket launcher or a mortar. A multi-barrel artillery piece similar to a launcher weapon of the former German Army was previously reported from Bernau. . For sketch on the multi-barrel gun, see Annex.

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Multi-Barrel Gun Observed in the Artillerie Maserne,
Perleberg, in mid-January 1953



Legend:

- 1 Five barrels, each about 30 cm long and of 30 to 35 caliber
- 2 Lever and wheels
- 3 Seat for gunner
- 4 Circular track
- 5 Retractable wheels
- 6 Stabilization plates

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